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DEVOID OF SHAME

Princess Chimay and Her Gypsy Musician at Budapest.

NO EFFORT TO CONCEAL THEMSELVES

Great Crowds of People of All Classes Surround Their Hotel in an Effort To See the Couple—Evidently Proud of Their Notoriety.

Budapest, Dec. 30.—Janos Rigo, the Hungarian gypsy musician, with whom the Princess de Caraman-Chimay, formerly Miss Clara Ward of Detroit, recently eloped from Paris, have arrived here from Stuhlweissenburg, where they have been visiting Rigo's parents. There presence in the city where their elopement has filled much space in the newspapers has awakened the liveliest curiosity, and people of all classes make all sorts of efforts to see the couple. When it became noised about that Rigo and his American mistress were stopping at a hotel here hundreds of persons went to the hotel and stood outside for hours in the hope of seeing the pair. So large did the crowd become that traffic on the streets in the vicinity of the hotel was blocked, and it became necessary to detail special police to handle the people. The princess and the gypsy have visited the theatres since their arrival, and appear to enjoy their notoriety. Whenever they have appeared at places of amusement the princess has been blazing in diamonds, and as she is a remarkably beautiful woman, has excited much attention. The audience, as soon as they discover who the couple are, neglect the stage and devote all the time to watching Rigo and the princess, who evidently delight in the sensation they are creating. The contrast between the two is great. Rigo, who is about 35 years old, looks like the ordinary gypsy he is. His complexion is swarthy and his common ancestry is plainly attested in his face. The respectable people of the city are thoroughly disgusted with the manner in which the couple are acting. Many men of the world scoff at the idea of Rigo divorcing his wife and marrying the princess. They say that after he gets as much money as possible from her he will abandon her and return to his wife.

Another Brutal Massacre in Cuba.

Havana, Dec. 30.—It is officially stated here that a Spanish column has had an engagement with rebel parties under Sotolongo on the Sotolongo ranch, near Jagney Grande, province of Matanzas. The insurgents are alleged to have been completely dispersed, with the loss of fifteen killed and one wounded. The Spaniards had a corporal wounded. It is known that this "engagement" was simply an attack made by the troops upon the defenseless pacificos on the ranch, and that the fifteen persons reported to have been killed in battle were brutally massacred.

Mr. Gladstone Fatigued.

London, Dec. 30.—Mr. Gladstone is somewhat fatigued to-day as a result of the celebration yesterday of his eighty-seventh birthday, although he remained quietly at Hawarden surrounded by his family. He listened to the reading of many of the enormous flow of congratulatory telegrams which came from all parts of the United Kingdom, the United States and the continent.

Stetson Will Contest.

Boston, Dec. 30.—Judge Holmes in the superior court has set March 9, 1897, as the date for the hearing in the case of C. H. Pattee, executor of the will of the late theatrical manager, John Stetson, against Ada Richmond Stetson, to determine the question whether the latter was lawfully married to John Stetson, and also to determine whether her case shall be heard in court or not.

Says the Story is a Sham.

New York, Dec. 30.—Concerning a report that Archbishop Corrigan was about to be elevated to the cardinalate, Father Connelly, representing the archbishop, said that so far as he knew there was no truth whatever in the report. He said the story could safely be described as a sham.

Philippine Revolt.

Madrid, Dec. 30.—A dispatch from Manila, the capital of the Philippine islands, says that the rising of the natives has extended to the province of Bulacan, in a northwesterly direction from Manila, and a large number of rebels have been arrested.

Fourth-Class Postmasters.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The following fourth-class postmasters have just been appointed: (Maine)—C. W. Berdett, Berches; (Mass.)—Chas. Mills, New Hampshire—E. E. Cowen, Guild; (Pennsylvania)—W. S. Turner, Hazlet; (N. Y.)—W. Kahn, Leesport.

Takes the Oath of Office. Albany, Dec. 30.—Lieut. Gov. elect Timothy L. Woodruff yesterday took the oath of office before Secretary of

NEWARK IN DARKNESS.

Big Electric Lighting Plant Burned, Causing a Loss of \$175,000.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 30.—The regular and reserve sections of the People's Electric Light & Power company's plant at City dock, River street and the Passaic river, were destroyed by fire early last evening, plunging the city into darkness, which may not be relieved for several days. The entire plant is wrecked. Thirty-seven dynamos, ranging in value from \$2,500 to \$7,500 each, were consumed. Leo Camp, foreman of the regular dynamo room, was at the switch board when a sheet of flame came through from the outside. This passed over Camp's hands, burning him severely. In an instant every wire in the plant was a tongue of flame, shooting to the "shut offs" and igniting everything which they touched. Two alarms were sent in, more particularly to save the works of the T. J. Preston Oil company, adjoining, as the electric light plant was already lost. Fortunately the flames were confined to the four walls of the electric light plant. Not one of the dynamos were saved, and in order to serve even a small portion of the city with light by night at least twelve first-class dynamos must be set up in the meantime. Phillip N. Jackson, president of the company, telegraphed all of the leading dynamo makers in the country to send machines here at once. The plant cost \$300,000 two years ago. The loss is placed at \$175,000 with an insurance of \$75,000.

BOSTON CITY PRINTING.

The Municipality To Establish a Plant and Do Its Own Work.

Boston, Dec. 30.—The city printing contract with Rockwell & Churchill, who have done the city work for twenty years, has just been abrogated by the committee on printing by a vote of 7 to 1, and the firm will receive notice to this effect in the course of time. But the contract will not expire until February 1, 1897, according to the existing agreement. Mayor Quincy concurred with the committee, it is said, and advised this course in order that the city may establish its own municipal printing plant and do its own printing. An appropriation will be made by next year's city government for this purpose. Meanwhile Rockwell & Churchill will do the city printing until the city is ready to undertake its own work.

DEFENSE OF THE PAPACY.

The Pope Says He Has Received Offers of Aid from Ireland and Elsewhere.

Rome, Dec. 30.—The address of the pope yesterday to the body representing the old pontifical army, in which he declared that the papacy would finally triumph, and adding that he had received offers from Canada, Ireland and elsewhere from people who were ready to hasten to the defense of the papacy, and that he hoped for the moment when he would see himself surrounded anew by sons of the faithful, and as well beloved as those which had comprised the pontifical army, has produced a deep impression in all circles throughout Italy.

Dinner to Gov. elect and Mrs. Black.

Albany, Dec. 30.—Gov. and Mrs. Morton gave a dinner in the state dining hall at the executive mansion last night in honor of Gov. elect and Mrs. Black, and also to give them an opportunity to meet the state officers and their wives. The others present were Secretary of State and Mrs. Palmer, Comptroller Roberts and Mrs. Roberts, State Treasurer Colvin and Mrs. Colvin, State Engineer Adams and Mrs. Adams, Lieut. Gov. elect Woodruff and Mrs. Woodruff, Attorney-General Hancock, Miss Morton, Miss Lena Morton and Col. Selden E. Marvin, Jr. Mrs. Hancock and Lieut. Gov. Saxton sent regrets.

Pardoned by Gov. Morton.

Anbun, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Several convicts in Auburn prison have received happy New Year remembrances from Gov. Morton in the shape of pardons and commutations. Another installment arrived last evening, comprising one pardon and three commutations for long-term men. A pardon was received by Henry E. B. Pardee, an Ontario county forger, who entered prison in June, 1894, under a sentence of six years. He was discharged at once. The terms of the prisoners who received commutations will not expire for some time yet.

Hon. John Bigelow in a Sleighing Accident.

Highland Falls, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Hon. John Bigelow and his two daughters narrowly escaped serious injury while sleigh riding last evening. While proceeding along the road near this place, the horses which Mr. Bigelow was driving became frightened at a number of children coasting and run away. The sleigh was soon overturned, and all were thrown down an embankment, but fortunately all escaped serious injury. The sleigh was smashed to pieces before the horses were caught.

Hartford-Yale Alumni President.

Hartford, Dec. 30.—The Hartford-Yale Alumni association has elected Charles E. Gross, '69, president, and the executive committee has been authorized to arrange for the annual dinner.

BULGARIA EXCITED

Mme. Stambuloff's Charges Cause a Sensation.

GOVERNMENT OFFICERS MURDERERS

The Believed Woman Not Likely To Be Again Permitted To Attend the Trial of the Alleged Assassins of Her Husband.

London, Dec. 30.—Dispatches from Sofia say that the entire country is convulsed with excitement over the sensational denunciation of the members of the present government as the real murderers of ex-Premier Stambuloff of Bulgaria made by his widow before the tribunal trying the assassins of the late statesman. The Bulgarian newspapers contain long comments on Mme. Stambuloff's denunciation, and the organ of the government asserts that Stambuloff was either deranged or that he sought death in the streets because of his many misdeeds. Mme. Stambuloff had been repeatedly urged to be present at the trial, but it is believed that a second appearance would be very unwelcome to the government. As soon as the widow entered the court room she addressed the judges. In impassioned language she declared that the "miserable wretches" on trial were not the assassins of her husband. She said that the president of the tribunal knew who were the real murderers. "They are the men who now form the government of Bulgaria," she said impressively. All the people in the court room were amazed at her denunciation of high officials, and none of the judges asked her a question. After her statement Mme. Stambuloff immediately left the room. She was dressed entirely in black and wore a long veil, which concealed her face.

Paying for the Battleship Iowa.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The navy department has made the twenty-fourth payment of \$90,300 to the Cramps on the battleship Iowa. Altogether thirty payments are to be made on the vessel, of which the final three are reserved until after her acceptance by the navy department. She will, therefore, be turned over to the government when the twenty-seventh payment is made. The twenty-fifth instalment will be due about the middle of next month.

Cadets at the Inaugural Ceremonies.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Secretary of War Lamont has ordered the corps of cadets of the United States military academy at West Point to proceed to Washington at the proper time to participate in the inaugural ceremonies of the president-elect. It is also understood that Secretary Herbert will order the cadets of the naval academy to Washington at the same time. The two corps will probably be quartered in the state war and navy buildings.

New Jersey Convicts Pardoned.

Trenton, Dec. 30.—The board of pardons has just set several inmates of the state prison free, but they were cases of men serving very short terms for ordinary crimes. The only exception was James Rowe, who got a three-year term last April in Passaic county, for swindling members of the Improved Order of Red Men. There were mitigating circumstances and the board gave him his freedom also.

Death of Herr Waldemar Nissen.

Hamburg, Dec. 30.—Herr Waldemar Nissen, president of the Hamburg-American Steamship company and a prominent merchant of this city and well known throughout the country, died here last evening from a complication of diseases. He was 63 years old and was a member of one of Germany's patrician families.

Gov. Morton's Portrait at Albany.

Albany, Dec. 30.—Gov. Morton has had added to the gallery of governors in the executive chamber an excellent three-quarter length, front view, oil portrait of himself, painted by Artist Hughes of this city. It hangs over the fire place.

Excise Special Agent Resigns.

Albany, Dec. 30.—The resignation of Charles E. Nichols of Schoharie county as special agent in the state excise department has been received and accepted. Mr. Nichols' health was not very good and he found the work too hard for him.

Guilt of Murder in the First Degree.

Dayton, O., Dec. 30.—The jury in the case of Albert J. Frantz, charged with the murder of Bessie Little in August last, late last evening returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree.

Pugilist Kennard Not Dead.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Jimmy Kennard, the "St. Paul Kid," who was reported to have died in Johnsonboro in September, is alive, and is matched for a fifteen-round go in this city on Jan. 11 with S. Patterson of Rochester.

Death of Hon. Edward Avery.

Boston, Dec. 30.—Hon. Edward Avery for many years prominent in democratic state politics, is dead at his home here.

SPAIN HAS WEAKENED.

Believed To Be Carrying on Negotiations with the United States.

HER PRIDE COMPELS SECRECY

Little Doubt That President Cleveland's Warning in His Recent Message Has Brought the Spaniards to a Re-evaluation of Their Position.

London, Dec. 30.—The Daily News will to-day publish a dispatch from Paris saying that it was quite clear that Spain is carrying on negotiation with the United States, although her pride compels her to do so in an under hand manner. The dispatch adds that the proceeds of the popular loan recently issued by the Spanish government is virtually exhausted, that the buoyancy that followed the death of Maceo is evaporating, and that the government is unable to avoid seeking an agreement with the United States.

A DELICATE UNDERTAKING.

How the State Department Views the Matter of Bringing About Peace in Cuba.

Washington, Dec. 30.—At the state department it is declared that there has been no substantial alteration whatever in the international aspect of the Cuban question since President Cleveland wrote the following in his annual message of December 7: "It was intimated by this government to the government of Spain some months ago that, if a satisfactory measure of home rule were tendered to the Cuban insurgents, and would be accepted by them upon a guaranty of its execution, the United States would endeavor to find a way not objectionable to Spain of furnishing such guaranty." While no definite response to this intimation has yet been received from the Spanish government, it is believed to be not altogether unwelcome, while, as already suggested, no reason is perceived why it should not be approved by the insurgents." It is explained that for domestic reasons the present Spanish cabinet could not take what would be to it a suicidal step of putting down in black and white a complete acceptance of the suggested mediation between a sovereign power and her crown colony, there has been at least a tacit understanding between Secretary Olney and the Spanish premier, as disclosed by President Cleveland's double negation and the only matter left unsettled was the acceptance of the suggestion by the insurgents. In this connection it is said that President Cleveland, in speaking of the insurgents, does not refer to the junta in this country, which would be satisfied with no compromise, but to the actual combatants under Gomez and other leaders, at that time including Maceo, who, according to the information of the state department, were at that time averse to putting an end to hostilities if the reforms promised by Spain were put into operation with the tacit guarantee of the United States and they, with their followers, were granted amnesty. The great difficulty has been and now is in the United States "to find a way not objectionable to Spain" in accomplishing this part of the arrangement. It is believed the death of Maceo may have simplified the plan. It has been found an exceedingly delicate undertaking to make any progress in the matter without that publicity which would offend the Spanish people and cause an uprising in Spain itself, and for this reason the authorities here preserve extraordinary reticence about the affair. It is pointed out that the matter is one that rests exclusively in the president, and under no circumstances, pending its conclusion, could congress fairly expect to learn anything about it.

CASE OF THE THREE FRIENDS.

Stories of Her Having Fired on a Spanish Gunboat Ridiculed in Washington.

Washington, Dec. 30.—According to the best information obtainable here the federal officials at Key West and Jacksonville in their proceedings against the alleged filibuster Three Friends are acting under general instructions issued by the department of justice some time ago, and not under any special directions to fit the case of the vessel. The matter is being managed by Frank Clark, United States district attorney at Jacksonville. The officials of the Spanish legation say that if there had been the slightest shred of truth in the sensational stories published about the Three Friends firing upon Spanish gunboats, they would have been promptly informed of the facts by acting Capt. Gen. Alameda in Havana, and it would have been the imperative duty of the Spanish legation to have demanded the surrender of the boat and its officers to the Spanish government to be dealt with according to the universally recognized law of nations. Absolutely no report of any such alleged and absurdly improbable occurrence has been received. Moreover, the Spanish legation is taking no interest in the trial of the Three Friends in the United States court at Jacksonville. "This is the fifth time she has been libeled," said a prominent member of the legation, "and I supposed she will be released as usual."

THE VENEZUELAN TREATY.

Not Only Acceptable to President Crespo, But Venezuelans Generally.

Washington, Dec. 30.—There is official confirmation of the statement repeatedly made in the dispatches of the United Associated Presses that the Venezuelan arbitration treaty is not only acceptable to President Crespo and his constitutional advisers, but that it will be equally acceptable to the Venezuelan congress when it convenes in February next. The weight of public feeling is all in favor of the treaty, and it has encountered but little opposition from leading Venezuelans. The objection that Venezuela will have no voice in selecting the umpires to represent the government is met by the counter argument that Venezuela originally asked the United States more than two years ago to use its good offices with England to secure a treaty whereby the territory in dispute might be submitted to a tribunal of arbitration. The United States did this, and the protocol agreed upon by Secretary Olney and Lord Salisbury gives this country the right to name the umpires for Venezuela. It is pointed out, therefore, that it would not only be bad taste, but a gross breach of international etiquette, if, after the United States had, at the risk of a war with Great Britain, succeeded in securing such a treaty, Venezuela should reject it because it was not in every essential agreeable to her.

MINNEAPOLIS BANK FAILURE.

Officers of the Columbian National Say Depositors Will Be Paid in Full.

Minneapolis, Dec. 30.—Officers of the Columbian National bank, now in the hands of a deputy comptroller of the currency, having failed to open its doors for business yesterday, say that the liabilities not including the capital stock, etc., and including principally deposits, amount in round numbers to \$247,000, while the assets, mostly notes, amounted to \$150,000. They say that they had no doubt but that the depositors would in time be paid in full. Cashier Bobble says there is \$33,000 cash in the vault, and \$100,000 will be collected within the next thirty days.

The Roonoke Bank Failure.

Roonoke, Va., Dec. 30.—The paid up capital of the Commercial National bank of this city, which has closed its doors, is \$100,000; surplus, \$37,000. It is said the failure is not a bad one.

WILL RECEIVE FULL PAY.

Keeper Whitmore and Wife Acquitted of the Charge of Insubordination.

Hartford, Dec. 30.—As a result of the action of the directors of the state prison in vindicating Matron Whitmore and her husband, Keeper Whitmore, of the charge of insubordination, upon which they were removed by Warden Woodbridge, they will receive pay until Jan. 1, having refused to return to the institution. The directors consider that Mrs. Woodbridge, in the absence of her husband, had no right to demand the keys of the matron. The refusal to comply with this demand formed the basis of the charge of insubordination. The directors have decided that hereafter no wife of any officer of the prison shall have any control of its management.

The Convicted Fire Bug.

New York, Dec. 30.—Isaac Zuker, the real estate dealer and manufacturer who was yesterday sentenced to thirty-six years in state prison, having been convicted of arson in the first degree, was taken to Sing Sing in a few hours. Schoenholz, who applied the torch for Zuker, and whose testimony was largely responsible for Zuker's conviction, is still in the Tombs. He is under sentence of forty-eight years. Notice was telegraphed to Sing Sing that a stay had been granted to Zuker, but he was nevertheless locked up on the order of the deputy sheriff.

Banquet for New York's Next Senator.

Albany, Dec. 30.—Final preparations have been made for the banquet which is to be given by the State League of Republican Clubs at Hermanns Bleeker hall on the evening of Jan. 26 in honor of the United States senator-elect to be chosen by the coming legislature. Garland's band of Albany and McElvoney, the Albany caterer, have been engaged. Covers will be laid for 900 people. The only speaker so far decided upon is Hon. D. D. Woodmansee of Cincinnati, president of the National League of Republican clubs.

Dowd Was a Defaulter.

Erie, Pa., Dec. 30.—The autopsy and investigation of the coroner's jury over the remains of the late William E. Dowd, the letter carrier, who died under suspicious circumstances, shows that his death was due to his swallowing a dose of carbolic acid. It is also developed that the suicide was a defaulter. He was the treasurer of Athens lodge, Knights of Pythias, also of the Knights of Malta.

Steel Furnaces Start Up.

Baltimore, Dec. 30.—Fires will be lighted on Friday in furnace "A" of the Maryland Steel company at Sparrows Point, giving employment to about 150 men, who have been idle since September.

IRELAND'S BOG SLIDE

The Alarming Report That Killarney Is in Danger Denied.

PEOPLE ARE STILL PANIC-STRICKEN

Peasants Living at Some Distance from the Scene of the Slide Fleeing from Their Homes—Carcasses of Animals Swept into the Lakes.

London, Dec. 30.—A special dispatch from Dublin this morning denies the alarming report printed in the Daily Graphic that the bog slip threatens the town of Killarney. The dispatch adds that the slip has nearly ceased, but that great alarm, nevertheless, still exists.

Dublin, Dec. 30.—The danger from the landslide near Rathmore, County Kerry, is by no means over, but is rather on the increase. That part of the disturbed earth comprising the bog is still sliding towards the Lakes of Killarney, its movement being accompanied by a sullen noise that is heard for miles in all directions. Peasants living some distance from the scene of the landslide are fleeing from their houses and taking refuge in localities that give some promise of safety, leaving all of their belongings behind them. Debris of houses and trunks of trees destroyed by the avalanche of earth, together with the carcasses of cows, sheep, pigs and other animals which were caught in the slide and plunged into the River Flesk, are now being swept into the lakes. The river is choked with earth, rocks, trees, etc., and the extravasated water has spread over a large area. No further loss of life than that of the Donnelly family of nine members is known to have occurred, but there are still fears that other persons may have been caught in the landslide and perished.

A Religious Tragedy.

Norwich, Conn., Dec. 30.—While suffering from religious mania yesterday Isaac H. Douglass, a well-to-do farmer of Voluntown, attempted to kill his weak-minded son by striking him with an axe on the head. He then built a fierce fire, and was making preparations to burn his own body and that of his son, but neighbors broke into the house in time to rescue both. The son, who is 30 years of age, will die from the effects of his wounds. The elder Douglass claims that he was influenced by a spirit to kill his son and himself.

The Trial of Mazhar Bey.

London, Dec. 30.—Advices from Constantinople show that the protest of the French and Italian ambassadors against the exclusion of their dragomans from the trial of Mazhar Bey has been effective. Mazhar Bey is being tried by a military court at Marash for the murder of Father Salvatore, an Italian priest, who was killed in a convent at Ynikale in 1897.

Bright Outlook for Maine Ice Harvest.

Gardiner, Me., Dec. 30.—The outlook for ice on the Kennebec is one of the best known for years, and if the present cold weather continues for a few days the numerous ice companies on the Kennebec will all be harvesting. The ice is now from eight to ten inches thick, and it is probable that 1,000,000 tons will be harvested. The average quantity yearly is about 800,000 tons.

Auburn Bank May Reopen.

Auburn, Me., Dec. 30.—A petition for a receiver for the American Trust and Banking company has been filed. A director says: "The money is coming in in such amounts that we are encouraged to think that our doors can again be opened for business. The company has little borrowed money, and the directors believe that western investments will prove all right."

New Counterfeit \$10 Note.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The secret service division of the treasury department reports the discovery of a new counterfeit ten-dollar national bank note. It is a photographic reproduction of a note issued by the Union National bank of Detroit, Mich., check letter B, series of 1882, signed by W. S. Rosecrans, register, and C. N. Jordan, treasurer.

An Old Clown Dies in a Poorhouse.

Philadelphia, Dec. 30.—Lansing W. Bancker, who was the oldest living circus clown, with the exception of Dan Rice, is dead at the Philadelphia almshouse, where he had been an inmate for two months. He was 75 years of age.

New Industry for Bridgeport.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 30.—H. H. Sprague, president of the Equitable Gas Meter company of Indianapolis, Ind., is in this city looking about for a desirable site, where it is intended to locate a branch factory of his concern.

Civil Service List Extended.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The president has amended the civil service rules so as to include in this service all employees of government penitentiaries in the United States who are subject to classification.



Gladness Comes

With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge, that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore of great importance, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase, that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by all reputable druggists.

If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, laxatives or other remedies are then not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.

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Nothing approaching this grand affair has ever been attempted outside of New York city.

Prizes—\$150—will be given away.

A Costumer from Paris will be in the city the day preceeding the event.

Tickets purchased in advance, admitting lady and gentleman, 50c.

Gentlemen's Tickets, at box office, 50c.

Ladies' Tickets, at box office, 25c.

Tickets for sale at H. S. Dusenberry & Son's Jewelry Store, 4 North street.

Many lives of usefulness have been cut short by neglect to break up an ordinary cold. Pneumonia, bronchitis and even consumption can be averted by the

LIFE IN OLD VIRGINIA.

CHESTER BELDING WRITES AN INTERESTING LETTER FROM HIS WINTER HOME.

A Bright Yet Cold Christmas Day—How the Care-Free Negroes Keep Christmas Week—Promised Prosperity That Has Not Come, and Ante-Election Pledges Not Fulfilled—Giving the People a Rest—People of Many Migrations.

CLAREMONT, Va., Dec. 25.

EDITORS ARGUS AND MERCURY:—Santa Claus, or the clerk of the weather, brought us a bright, sunny Christmas Day, with a crisp, sharp air coming down from the north, and the thermometer registering 20° above in the morning. This affords a bracing atmosphere, and dry ground underneath for man and beast.

The weather in general this month has been fair, although some six inches of snow fell on the 3d; but it only remained with us for a few days, and was very beneficial by way of producing moisture, of which fall-sown crops were very much in need at the time.

HOW THE DARKIES KEEP CHRISTMAS.

The colored population, as well as some of the whites, have now fully entered upon the celebration of Christmas time—no work for a week or more for Sambo. Friends and relatives are all welcome to the best the shanty or log cabin affords, even down to the last hock-cake. Candy, cracks and a general good time, with a little milk punch thrown in where obtainable, make all hands happy as kings. As they join in the song, or dance around to the music of a mouth organ, well might many a millionaire envy these people their cheerfulness and contentment and freedom from care, and the worryings so common with the rich, who are so unsatisfied amid their luxurious surroundings, and so consumed by an ambition to excel that happy enjoyment is never realized.

ANTE-ELECTION PROMISES NOT FULFILLED

The great business boom and prosperity predicted by the McKinley party before election has not yet reached this sunny land. A wholesale dealer in wood tells me that northern parties withheld their orders until after election, and then ordered but little at a reduced price for hard wood. Even the black man is complaining that the busy time promised has not put in its appearance, and that the Republican politician who shook his hand so cordially before Nov. 3d and called him "my colored brother" now scarcely recognizes him on the street and has forgotten the common brotherhood of man entirely. Poor, foolish fellows! But no bigger dupes than many of the whites, who fall in line to the sound of the party bugle.

GIVING THE PEOPLE A REST.

The State of Virginia has no legislative body in session this winter, so the people are without much political interest and no doubt will be just as well off for the lack of any new legislative enactments; and the taxpayers are benefitted by these biennial sessions of the State legislators and much political jobbery prevented. We do doubt not that the masses of the Empire State would be just as well off under like regulations and politics would not be quite so much of a trade and bargain exchange as it now is.

BIRDS OF PASSAGE.

This colony is mostly peopled by persons who formerly resided in the North and West and most of them, like myself, have come to escape the cold northern winters and in this respect the climate is a decided improvement. There is another class with whom to move has become chronic and thus we have a good many comers and goers. Recently three or four have come in with their families, prairie-schooners-loads. One man, with grand-ma and five children made the trip from near Chicago, about a thousand miles, in six weeks. Three horses and two mules were used for motors as they moved toward this South land, perhaps to remain a year or so and then to move on again as some others have done, who have recently journeyed from the East to the Pacific Coast, thence southward and eastward again, settling up in the Old Dominion State. CHESTER BELDING.

Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption.

This is the best medicine in the world for all forms of Coughs and Colds and for Consumption. Every bottle is guaranteed. It will cure and not disappoint. It has no equal for Whooping Cough, Asthma, Hay Fever, Pneumonia, Bronchitis, La Grippe, Cold in the Head and for Consumption. It is safe for all ages pleasant to take, and above all a sure cure. It is always well to take Dr. King's New Life Pills in connection with Dr. King's New Discovery, as they regulate and tone the stomach and bowels. We guarantee perfect satisfaction or return money. Free trial bottles at McMonagle & Rogers' drug store. Regular size 50 cents and \$1.

Rheumatism Cured in a Day.
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Any honest physician will tell you that there is but one way to get increased flesh; all the patent medicines and cod liver oils to the contrary notwithstanding.

Nature has but one way to increase flesh, strength and vigor of mind and body, and that is through the stomach by wholesome food well digested. There is no reason or common sense in any other method whatever.

People are thin, run down, nervous, pale and shaky in their nerves, simply because their stomachs are weak.

They may not think they have dyspepsia, but the fact remains that they do not eat enough food or what they eat is not quickly and properly digested as it should be.

Dr. Harlandson says the reason is because the stomach lacks certain digestive acids and pepsines, and deficient secretion of gastric juice.

Nature's remedy in such cases is to supply what the weak stomach lacks. There are several good preparations which will do this, but none so readily as Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, which are designed especially for all stomach troubles, and which cure all digestive weakness on the common sense plan of furnishing the digestive principles which the stomach lacks.

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The Bright Side.

"I'm so glad to hear you speak so encouragingly of Willie Gigg's future," she said, to her father.

"If I did anything like that it was by accident."

"Why, father—you know you referred to him as a young cub."

"Well, you know, it's Willie's ambition to be a lion in society; and maybe he'll grow."—Washington Star.

Lecturette.

Fight your tendency to ponder
On those worlds that shine afar;
To get famous over yonder,
First win laurels where you are.

—Chicago Record.

THREE MINOR OBJECTIONS.



The Beadle (to new minister)—A didna like the sermon for three rizzins—first, ye read it; secondly, ye didna read it weel; thirdly, it wisna worth readin'.—Sketch.

The Musical Woman's Husband.
"Twas for her voice I loved her first
In those far-off, dear, happy years;
Now I oft wish, with head half burst,
That I could button up my ears."
—Bay City Chat.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

Wheat—Spot trade dull and steady. Dec., 90¢; May, 85¢.
Corn—Spot quiet; prices firmer. Jan., 29¢; May, 31¢.
Oats—Market dull; prices steady. May, 24¢-26¢.

Eggs—Lower and supply liberal. State and Pennsylvania, fresh, 20¢-22¢; ice house, 15¢-17¢; western, fresh, 18¢-20¢; hined, 13¢-14¢; southern, 17¢-19¢.

Pork—Market steady; fair demand. Extra prime, nominal, short clear, \$9.00-10.50; mess, \$8.25-8.75; family, \$10.00-10.75.

Lard—Steady; moderate demand. Prime western, \$1.07½.

Butter—Unsettled; liberal supply. Creamery western extras, 22¢; state and Pennsylvania, extras, 21¢-23¢; creamery, western seconds, 18¢; state dairy, half-firkin tubs, fresh factory, 13¢; state dairy, half-firkin tubs, fall made extras, 19¢-20¢; western imitation creamery, seconds to firsts, 11¢-17¢; western factory, firsts to extras, 8¢-11¢.

Cheese—Market firm. State, full cream, large size, fall made, colored, 10¢; large, common to choice, part skims, 3¢-7¢.

Potatoes—Market firm; good supply. Long Island, in bulk, per barrel, \$1.25-1.37; New Jersey, round, choice, per barrel, \$0.10-1.01.

Bucklin's Arnica Salve.

The most sure in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Bitter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents a box. For sale by McMonagle & Rogers.

DR. RIZAL TO BE SHOT.

Originator of the Philippine Revolt Commanded to Death.

Madrid, Dec. 30.—Advices from Manila show that Dr. Rizal, a prominent resident, has been sentenced to death for fomenting rebellion. He will probably be shot. On his trial, which was before a court-martial, Dr. Rizal admitted that he was the author of the constitution of the Philippine league, the object of which was revolutionary, but denied that he had taken any active part in the rebellion.

Big Mercantile Failure.

Hollidaysburg, Pa., Dec. 30.—Pheasant & Wagner, proprietors of large mercantile establishments at Hollidaysburg and Kippie, this county, have failed. The firm's embarrassment is due to the recent suspension of a banking house in which they were heavy depositors.

Delegates to the Monetary Conference.

Hartford, Dec. 30.—At a special meeting of the board of trade President Allen was authorized to appoint five delegates to represent this city at the monetary convention in Indianapolis, January 12.

Andover Seminary's New Visitor.

Boston, Dec. 30.—Rev. Arthur Little, D. D., pastor of the Second church, Dorchester, has been selected to succeed the late Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, D. D., on the board of visitors of the Andover Theological seminary.

Newspaper Story Denied.

London, Dec. 30.—A dispatch from Madrid says that the London Chronicle's statement that there is reason for belief that Spain has sounded the French foreign office in regard to Cuba in an anti-American sense is officially denied.

Call for a Western Minister.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 30.—Rev. Addison Moore of St. Louis is to receive a call to become pastor of the First Baptist church of this city. He will succeed Rev. J. H. Mason.

MODELING A STATUE.

How the Modern Sculptor Does His Interesting Work.

From the lump of clay which his fingers have flattened, trimmed, rounded off, the little model issues forth as a nucleus, from which its gigantic brother is to come. With the proportions laid out in the small one, the sculptor sketches his iron framework for the full-sized model. On a platform of heavy beams he constructs this framework, which, when complete, has an anatomical look about it; but it would be a difficult matter to find in the seemingly crazy arrangement of twisted iron and the wire ropes, with blocks of wood tied on them, anything resembling anatomy.

The skeleton frame has to be exceedingly strong; for should any part give way later with the weight of the damp clay, it would doubtless involve the beginning of the work all over again. With the frame complete and tested as to its strength, the clay is built up around it, careful attention being given to each minute detail, especially to the anatomical ones. From the beginning, in the use of the clay, it is essential to keep it damp, and all through the construction water is applied through a hosepipe with a sprukler attached. This wetting down is extremely important, for should the clay get dry, it would crumble like dirt, or crack, thus ruining the work.

The figure of the general is modeled nude, and brought to a high finish. A live model is employed for the purpose, and he poses astride a dummy horse in the position the sketch and miniature model call for. After the figure is finished, even to the curve of each muscle, equipments are put on the dummy horse, and the model dresses himself in the general's costume and again takes the pose. The sculptor then proceeds to dress the general and his horse. With his many different tools he slowly shapes the clothing in the new clay that he has ruthlessly slapped on the exquisite modeling underneath. Bit by bit the various garments assume form and develop under the ready hand of the master, every little fold or crease being carefully worked up. The likeness is the most important part, however, and great attention is paid to the face. In this it is necessary to combine so many things beside likeness that the task is at times almost discouraging.—Harper's Round Table.

Advantages of Sleep.

In reply to the question: Is it wise for a man to deny himself and get along with a few hours' sleep a day, to do more work? Tesla, the great electrician, replied: "That is a great mistake I am convinced. A man has just so many hours to be awake and the fewer of these he uses up each day the more days they will last, that is the longer he will live. I believe that a man might live 200 years if he would sleep most of the time. That is why negroes often live to advanced old age, because they sleep so much. It is said that Gladstone sleeps 17 hours every day; that is why his faculties are still unimpaired in spite of his great age. The proper way to economize life is to sleep every moment that is not necessary or desirable that you should be awake."—Popular Science News.

No Gripe

When you take Hood's Pills. The big, old-fashioned, sugar-coated pills, which tear you all to pieces, are not in it with Hood's. Easy to take

and easy to operate, is true of Hood's Pills, which are up to date in every respect. Safe, certain and sure. All druggists, 25c. C. F. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

CAR SHOP ECHOES.

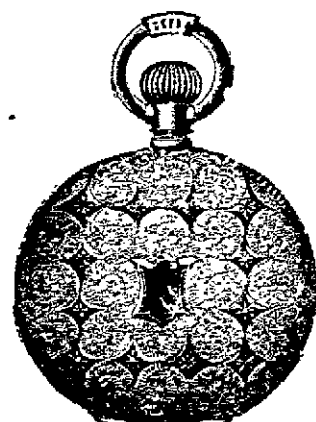
A Report from the O. and W. Car Shops That is Attracting Public Attention.

As Cyrus Coddington, of No. 150 Wickham avenue, repaired the cars in the O. and W. car shops; as he stripped them down to the frame, rebuilt them, or patched them so as to make them presentable, it has many struck him that mankind is very like railroad cars. Some of them run for years escaping smashups, derailings, and pulling through ordinary wear and tear with very little indication of being untrustworthy. Somebedecked with paint and tinsel run along for a time only to find themselves in the repair shop. Some require building up from the frame and some have very little frame or anything else to repair.

"Seven years ago," Mr. Coddington says, "I had an attack of kidney complaint, a very severe attack. It left me and I was not again bothered until a short time ago." This was his first introduction to the repair shop. Seven years after he was on the trestles again. Continuing he says: "The last time it did not take so long to straighten me out and I give Doan's Kidney Pills credit for it. I got a box at J. E. Mills' drug store. I had to get something for my back ached acutely. I couldn't stoop or lift and the urine went wrong. After using Doan's Kidney Pills the pain left me and the urine righted itself. They did all that could be expected of them."

The Kidneys will go wrong—cold—strains—exercise—indulgence in dissipation or pleasures force them to the repair shop. It may only be a screw loose somewhere. It may be the entire fabric or tissues requires a thorough overhauling, a complete renovating. Nothing can equal Doan's Kidney Pills as a restorer or renovator.

Doan's Kidney Pills are sold for 50 cents per box, or six boxes for \$2.50; for sale by all dealers; sent by mail on receipt of price by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States.



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are the next in order. We have fancy articles, books, teachers' bibles, diaries for 1897, skates, sleds, a large assortment of blank books.

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of the latest designs, Cut Glass and Art Pottery to select from for your New Year's presents. Make your selections early and we will accept them for you until wanted. We will engrave all your purchases free of charge. Fine Watch and Jewelry repairing a specialty.

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OF MR. THOS. MANN, located at Phillips' branch, upon the Wallkill River, 2½ miles from Middletown, conducted by Mr. Mann since 1858. This is the best general mill and distilling plant in Orange county. Mill building 2½ story, frame 125x1, 1½ m of stone, 80 to 100 horse power, with good capacity for grinding wheat, rye and buckwheat, all an excellent order, driven by a turbine water wheels, with a wet head of water, and is one of the best water powers in Orange county, driven upon rock bottom. The distilling plant is a good order, well equipped, steam power, spring water is pure, capacity 20,000 bushels apples per season. The mill property contains 8½ acres very choice land, good dwelling, barn and sheds. Also a perpetual right of way to and through Mr. Mann's Park to about 7 acres of valuable woodland, used as a private park, occupied in part by Smith & Buckman, George Carter and others. Also all the water rights and privileges. This whole property is offered at a reasonable price, upon reasonable terms, or an exchange in part may be entertained.

A. V. BOAK,
35 North Street, Middletown

THE People of the State of New York.—To all persons interested in the estate of William T. Wallace, deceased, of the County of Orange, State of New York, to be heard and given: You and each of you are hereby cited and required personally to be and appear at a Special Term of the County Court, for the County of Orange, State of New York, to be held at the Court House, in the village of Goshen, Orange county, New York, on the twenty sixth day of January, 1897, at ten o'clock a. m., then and there to show cause why a final settlement of the account of William T. Wallace, deceased, of above named William T. Wallace, insolvent debtor, should not be had, and if no cause be shown, then to attend the final settlement of the Assignee's account.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto caused the seal of the said County Court of the County of Orange, State of New York, to be hereunto affixed. Witness Hon John J. Beattie, County Judge of said county, this 2d day of November, 1896.
JOHN J. BEATTIE, County Judge of Orange county.
WILLIAM P. O'NEILL, Attorney for Assignee.
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This remedy being injected directly to the seat of the disease of the Genito-Urinary Organs, requires no change of diet. Cure guaranteed in 1 to 3 days. Send for circular by mail, 50c. G & G CURE sold only by

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PUBLISHER.GEORGE H. THOMPSON, Editor.
J. F. ROBINSON, City Editor.
A. E. NICHOLSON, City Editor.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 30, 1896.

If, as the Republican papers intimate, Under Sheriff Henry M. Howell enters the field as a candidate for the nomination for Sheriff, next fall, what a row-de-dow his candidacy will kick up among the Republican machine leaders. Not one of them has forgiven him or Sheriff Beakes for upsetting the deal made prior to Sheriff Beakes's election, by which Rob Hock was to have been made Under Sheriff. The exposure of the plot to "starve out" Sheriff Beakes and Under Sheriff Howell made it necessary for the bosses to let up on the punishment they had undertaken, but in spite of the "harmony" letters published for political effect the bosses hate the Sheriff and Under Sheriff with a hatred that passeth words. They foam at the mouth whenever the subject is mentioned. There are great possibilities in Mr. Howell's candidacy. It would make easy a great official juggling act—Adam Beakes, Sheriff, "cousin Harry," Under Sheriff; Harry Howell, Sheriff, "cousin Adam," Under Sheriff. No wonder Boss Hock has already ground his battle-axe and put a razor in each boot leg.

ARAB'S DAY IN POLICE COURT.

A Child of the Desert Warned Against Fooling Around O. and W. Cars.

Monsieur Hesson, an Arab, was arrested this morning by O. and W. Detective, Grant Wilson, for fooling around cars. He could neither speak nor understand English but brought another young Arab named Cezru Josef to the court room who acted as interpreter. and through him received one of the Recorder's famous lectures. He was allowed to go, with the warning that if he was caught about the cars again he would be locked up. The interpreter explained that cars are a great curiosity to Arabs, because they see nothing of the kind in their own country.

RUN DOWN BY A TROLLEY CAR

A Sleigh Upset on James Street and a Boy Slightly Hurt.

Nelson Hill was driving across the railroad tracks on James street, at 3.15, this afternoon, just in front of Car 23 of the Academy avenue line. Thos. Tierney, motorman. The horse slipped on the track and before the car could be stopped it struck the sleigh upsetting it and throwing out Mr. Hill and his son, Carl. Mr. Hill escaped injury, but the boy was cut on top of the head. He was taken into Dr. Schultz's office and the wound dressed. His injury is not at all serious.

A Very Narrow Escape.

This afternoon, a piece of ice that would weigh at least 100 pounds, fell from the roof of Hanford & Horton's store to the sidewalk with a crash that sounded like the report of a cannon. The ice struck the walk within six inches of a woman and little child. Had it struck either of them on the head it would undoubtedly have caused death.

Escaped from Russian Military Service

Joseph Newmark went to New York, a few days ago, to meet his brother, Alexander Newmark, who had deserted from the Russian army and made his way to this land of the free, where military service is not compulsory. After visiting with friends in New York for a while Alexander will come to Middletown and assist his brother in his business.

For the Old Ladies' Home.

Jacob Newmark, proprietor of the night lunch wagon, will donate one-half of his receipts on New Year's night to the Old Ladies' Home. Those who patronize Mr. Newmark will have the satisfaction of knowing that they are aiding a worthy charity.

Low Prices for Building and Loan Money.

The monthly sale of money in the Port Jarvis Building and Loan Association took place Monday evening, and brought the following premiums: \$600 sold at 10 per cent, and \$2,800 at 8 1/2 per cent, premium.

Needed Praying For.

A strange young man badly intoxicated, drifted into one of the class rooms of St. Paul's Church, last evening, during service and created considerable disturbance. Just before the close of the meeting he staggered from the room and disappeared.

Watch Night Services.

Orange Trust Lodge, No. 477, I. O. G. T., will hold a New Year's Eve watch meeting "Dec. 31, 1896, at the home of P. M. Johnson, No. 3 North Beacon street. All members are requested to be present.

Orange County's Oldest Justice of the Peace.

William Avery, of Highland Falls, who has been a Justice of the Peace for more consecutive years than any other man in Orange county, celebrated his seventy-sixth birthday, Thursday.

One Minute's Couch Cure, cures.

That is what it was made for

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

A FATAL RAILROAD WRECK.

A Freight Running on a Passenger Train's Time Wrecked—Supposed to Be the Work of Tramps.

BY UNITED PRESS.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 30.—A freight train on the Seaboard Air Line was wrecked near here, last night. An engine and ten cars went down a thirty foot embankment, and the colored fireman was killed and the engineer injured. Four tramps were put off a train at the scene of the accident, yesterday, and it is believed they removed a rail. The wrecked train was running on the schedule of the north bound vestibule train, and it is believed the tramps intended to wreck the latter.

WHERE BANKS FARE BADLY.

Only Four Left out of Thirteen a Year Ago.

BY UNITED PRESS.

SUPERIOR, Wis., Dec. 30.—Of thirteen banks doing business here a year ago only four remain. It is said they are interested in a plan to reorganize and consolidate into one large institution with a capital of \$1,500,000. The city, during the last fifteen months, has lost upwards of \$200,000 in the failures of banks.

AN INSANE ASYLUM WRECKED.

Boilers in the Basement Explode—Many Patients Injured.

BY UNITED PRESS.

SPOKANE, Dec. 30.—The explosion of two boilers in the basement of the insane asylum at Medical Lake partially destroyed the west side of the main building. Many of the 300 patients were injured by flying glass and their fruitless efforts to escape through barred windows.

DENSE FOG IN THE WEST.

BY UNITED PRESS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—A dense fog covered the west from Pittsburgh to Kansas City, last night. It began in the afternoon and played havoc with the telegraph service. Street traffic here was obstructed.

ILLINOIS' NEXT GOVERNOR MARRIED

BY UNITED PRESS.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 30.—Governor-elect Tanner was married here, to-day, to Miss Cora Edith English.

A SOUTHERN BANK FAILS.

BY UNITED PRESS.

SELMA, Ala., Dec. 30.—The Commercial Bank, a State institution, has failed. It is one of the two leading banks in Selma. The failure caused some excitement.

WALTON HOSE CO.'S HOUSE WARMING.

A Great Day for Chester Firemen—Middletown Fire Department Represented.

Yesterday was a great day for the citizens of Chester and especially for members of Walton Hose Co., who had a house warming. A turkey dinner, with all the accessories was served, and all who visited the house were invited to eat, drink and be merry in honor of the new fire house.

An orchestra had been provided and all who wished had the opportunity to dance.

The Middletown Fire Department was represented by First Assistant Chief Charles Higham, Foreman W. A. Marshall and J. D. Stevens, of Excelsiors, and A. L. Becker, of Monahans.

The Middletown guests were met at the depot by a delegation of Waltons and taken to the hose house in a carriage and there wasn't anything too good in Chester for the visiting firemen.

They had "plenty to eat, plenty to drink and nothing to pay" to say nothing of the finest of Chester ladies for partners in the dance.

ONE DAY MORE OF OFFICIAL LIFE

Recorder Bradner's Retirement After Twenty Years of Service.

Recorder Bradner has one more day of official life. On Friday morning, for the first time in twenty years he will be a private citizen.

Mr. Bradner has made a most excellent record, one that he may well feel proud of. There have been many findings, as there will be with his successors as long as the office exists. He has been accused of too much severity at times, and at others has been considered too lenient, but it is doubtful if there are many men who could fill the office of Police Justice and Recorder for twenty consecutive years and give as general satisfaction and make as few mistakes as has Mr. Bradner. He has been a terror to evildoers, but was always ready to show mercy when it was deserved.

A Valuable Prescription.

Editor Morriston, of Worthington, Ind., "Sun," writes: "You have a valuable prescription in Electric Bitters, and I can cheerfully recommend it for Constipation and Sick Headaches, and as a general system tonic it has no equal." His Annie Stehle, 2625 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, was all run down, could not eat nor digest food, had a headache which never let her and felt tired and weary, but six bottles of Electric Bitters restored her health and renewed her strength. Prices 50 cents and \$1.00. Get a Bottle at McMonagle & Rogers' Drug Store.

Monthly Dais cured by Dr. Miles' Pain Pills

SPIRITS BROKEN.

How often women wake up in the morning cheerful and happy, determined to do so much before the day ends, and yet—

Before the morning is very old, the dreadful BACKACHE appears, the brave spirit sinks back in affright; no matter how hard she struggles, the "clutch" is upon her, she falls upon the couch, crying:—"Why should I suffer so? What can I do?"

Lydia E. Pinkham's "Vegetable Compound" will stop the torture and restore courage. All such pains come from a deranged uterus. Trouble in the womb blots out the light of the sun at midday to a vast number of women. Be advised—do as many others have done and are doing—procure Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once, and commence without delay to realize the relief it is sure to bring you.

OBITUARY.

Jane Collins.

Mrs. Jane Collins, widow of the late John Collins, died at 2 o'clock, this morning, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Michael McGinnis, No. 35 Fulton street, aged sixty nine years. She had been sick for a long time.

She is survived by three sons and one daughter: Cornelius, of this city, Michael, of Scotchtown, Patrick, of California, and Ella, wife of Michael McGinnis, with whom she made her home. Also by a brother, Patrick Lyons, of Newark. The funeral notice will appear to-morrow.

The Erie's Good Showing for the Year.

The Erie reports for November gross earnings of \$2,874,32, and net of \$797,832. The gross earnings for the year were \$31,069,853, an increase of \$708,269 over 1895. The net earnings were \$8,270,355, an increase of \$558,578.

A Very Heavy Roof.

The tile roof on the new Erie depot is a very heavy one. Each tile weighs five pounds, and the waybills of the cars in which the tile was shipped here show that its total weight is about sixty tons.

To be Issued in Magazine Form.

The Signs of the Times, which will hereafter be issued as a semi-monthly, in magazine form, will soon appear in a very neat and artistic cover, the plates for which are now being prepared.

Shoe Stores to Close Early.

All the foot and shoe dealers in this city have signed the agreement to close their stores at 6 o'clock every evening except Mondays and Saturdays, from Jan. 5th to March 20th.

Nerve

Excitement, overwork and worry are ruining the health of thousands of women. Pure Blood is required to feed the nerves, a good appetite and digestive strength are demanded to keep the body strong and vigorous, and to restore the exhausted energies there must be sound and refreshing

Sleep

By its power to respond to all these needs Hood's Sarsaparilla has proved itself the greatest friend of women. Thousands write that they have been given health and strength by its use. It is the great blood purifier, and consequently the true nerve tonic.

"I feel that I should be wanting in common gratitude should I fail to tell the benefit my wife has derived from Hood's Sarsaparilla. She became seriously ill from running ulcers, caused by poor blood."

Blood

and was strongly advised by a friend to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. She said it had cured her and would no doubt cure my wife. So we tried it, and to say that its effect is wonderful, is only using a mild expression. It appears to be building up a new constitution for her; and, as we are a family of eleven, there are eleven of us rejoicing at the result.

"If the foregoing induces only one person, suffering in the same manner, to try Hood's Sarsaparilla, I shall feel more than rewarded." ELEANOR PARKER, 585 Monroe Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Men's Silk Suspenders.

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DAILY ARGUS.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 30, 1896.

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THE BUSINESS OFFICE OF THE "ARGUS" IS OPEN EVENINGS FROM SEVEN UNTIL EIGHT O'CLOCK.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Generally cloudy weather; probably light local showers this afternoon and to-night, followed by clearing and cooler weather. Thursday afternoon, westerly winds.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the reading of the thermometer at Frank's drug store, to-day:
7 a. m., 30°; 12 m., 40°; 3 p. m., 45°.

AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION.

—Dec. 31—"The Two Orphans," at Casino.
—Jan. 1—Masquerade ball, at Casino.
—Jan. 1, 15, 29—Bachelor Club hops.
—Jan. 14—Printer's ball (masquerade), at Assembly Rooms.
—Feb. 1—McQuoid Engine Co's fair, at Assembly Rooms.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—All the delicacies of the season at Bull & Youngblood's.
—Holiday goods cheap at H. E. Churchill's.
—Household goods for sale Jan. 5th.
—Oranges cheap at C. N. Fredmore & Son's.
—Turkey raffle at Eagle's Building, to-night.
—Claims against the estate of Hiram Sellick.
—Ladies' and misses' cloaks \$1 up at Geo. B. Adams & Co's.
—New Year's gifts at W. D. Olney's.
—Inventory clearing sale at Samuel Lipfield's.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Kate Claxton.
—Kate Claxton in "The Two Orphans," Thursday night.
—Harmonia Council, No. 1006. A. L. H., will give a ball, to-morrow night, in McManerchor Hall.

—Kate Claxton in her own company will produce "The Two Orphans," at the Casino, New Year's eve.

—The Nuttall Manufacturing Co. has decided to remove its bicycle factory from New York to Nyack. Considerable Nyack capital is invested in the concern.

—Realizing that if the fishing in Greenwood Lake can be improved there will be a great increase of travel to the lake, the Erie is arranging to place a large number of black bass in the lake.

—The Newburgh News suggests that while the coasting season lasts a temporary hospital should be established at the point where a north travelled street crosses one of the hill streets most popular with coasters.

—H. E. Montrose, the Sussex county hotel keeper, who shot himself in the head, a week ago Sunday, is almost certain to recover. He wants to get up and go to work but his physician will not let him leave his bed.

PERSONAL.

—William Cunningham, of Matteawan, is visiting his mother in this city.
—Glover Chapman, of Bloomingburgh, is in this city, to-day, on business.

—Miss Lottie Shaw has gone to Port Jervis for a few days' visit with friends.
—Miss Emma Berry, of Newark, N. J., is visiting Miss Olive Struble, at No. 8 William street.

—Thomas Ledy, a former O. and W. conductor, now a resident of Sidney, is calling on his many friends in town.

—Miss Gertrude Broadhead, of this village, leaves town, this afternoon, for an extended visit at Middletown and New York city.—Port Jervis Gazette.

—Sheridan J. Bros., of this city, was best man at the wedding of Edwin G. Conright and Grace A. Post, which took place at the home of the bride's parents in Coleville N. J., Dec. 23d.

—Bryon Koon, who has been in the roof painting business here for some time, left town, to-day, for his home in Taubahnock, Pa., where he will spend the winter. He will return to Middletown in the spring.

An Epidemic of Grip at Pine Bush.

Pine Bush has an epidemic of grip, several families being prostrated with it, besides numerous individual cases. Among the victims are the following:

D. S. Strong, the village school teacher, and his daughter.

The entire family of Conductor Jesse Smith of the Crawford Branch train.

Henry Wheeler and his whole family.
Mr. Armstrong and family, who were among the first to contract the disease, are now improving.

A Railroad Indicted for Not Maintaining Crossing Gates.

The New York, Susquehanna and Western Railroad Company was arraigned before Justice Dixon at Hackensack, Monday, to answer an indictment found because it failed to maintain gates at road crossings. Senator Johnson, counsel for the road, asked to have the indictment thrown out. This was denied. The plea was not guilty. No date was set for trial.

Again No Quorum.

An effort was made to hold an adjourned meeting of the Common Council, last night, to hear objections, if any, to the assessments on account of the Sprague avenue sewer, but only four members, Messrs. Dorrance, Hirst, Mance and Reed were present and an adjournment was taken until this evening.

A Man of Wonderful Capacity.

An Athens young man recently ate 200 claims as fast as they were opened at one sitting. He also put away 24 bottles of soda water and ate 22 ten cent plates of ice cream. These feats of gluttony were performed in the presence of several witnesses.

HOOD'S PILLS cure Liver Ills, Biliousness, Indigestion, Headache. Easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.

UNDER THE CAR WHEELS.

An Unknown Man, supposed to be a Tramp, Killed at the Summit.

A young man apparently about twenty-five years old was run down by a freight train at the Summit, about 6 o'clock, last evening, and so badly injured that he died within half an hour.

He was walking on the east siding. Conductor Barnum's east bound freight train backed into the siding out of the way of a passenger train, and the man evidently did not notice the approach of the train and he was struck by the caboose, knocked down, and the wheels passed over both legs, just below the knees, mauling the members in a most horrible manner. It is said thirty-two cars passed over the man's legs.

The unfortunate man was picked up by the trainmen, who drew strings tightly above his knees to try to prevent the flow of blood, placed him on the front of the engine and brought him to the James street depot. The man was still alive, but was unconscious. Physicians were hastily summoned, but the man died before they arrived. Death was probably due to shock and the great loss of blood. There was a number of scratches on the head, face and body, but no serious wounds except upon the legs.

The body was removed to the morgue and Coroner Decker was notified. A large number of citizens saw the body, and while several persons thought the face a familiar one none could recognize it.

There was a memorandum book in the man's pocket, in which were several addresses, but none that would give any clue to his identity.

This morning, the coroner inpaned a jury and examined two tramps who slept in the lockup, last night. James Beatty, of Paterson, said he got on a coal train at Garfield and the deceased was on the train then and got off at the Summit. He told witness he boarded the train at Jersey City, was going to Port Jervis and would return to New York. He last saw him at the tramps fire at the Summit about 5 o'clock.

William Shoemaker, of Bustleton, a suburb of Philadelphia, said he heard the deceased ask Jack Powers where was a good place to sleep, and Powers pointed out a farmer's barn some distance away. This was about 5:30 o'clock. The deceased started to walk up the track towards the barn. Shortly afterwards he saw the train back into the switch, and later saw it come out with the man on the pilot of the engine. None of the tramps knew the man's name or place of residence.

The inquest was adjourned until 4:30 o'clock to-morrow to secure the attendance of the train crew.

Where Costumes Can Be Obtained for Lea's Masquerade Ball.

Philip Hartfield's sons, of New York, the celebrated costumers, will be at Geo. Len's masquerade ball, New Year's night, with a supply of elegant costumes. They can be seen on Thursday afternoon and evening at Geo. Shannon's art store, next door to post office, and those who wish can leave their orders there. A representative of the firm will be in one of the dressing rooms of the Casino on New Year's night where suits and masks can be fitted. The charges will be very reasonable.

Passed Many Worthless Checks.

Wendell Phillips Hale, a blue stone-dealer of Glen Eyre, Pa., who for several months past has been issuing worthless checks for small amounts in Port Jervis, Milford and Matamoras, was arrested in Matamoras, Monday night, and is now in Milford jail. Hale is said to have issued many worthless checks, most of which were of such small amounts that the persons on whom they were passed did not go to the trouble of arresting him.

Dr. Danforth Indicted.

Dr. Danforth, the former patient of the State Hospital in this city, who set fire to his apartments in New York about two weeks ago, was, Tuesday, indicted for arson in the first degree by the New York Grand Jury. This probably means Dr. Danforth's incarceration in the Hospital for Criminal Insane at Matteawan.

State Hospital Patients Stealhide.

Three sleighs loaded with male patients from the State Hospital were driven about town, this morning. Most of the patients seemed to be enjoying their ride, but it had no apparent effect on the deep melancholy that had settled on some faces. One of the patients made himself quite conspicuous by flourishing a pack of cards and asking for tobacco.

Cut Christmas Trees in a Cemetery.

Two girls at Fishkill Landing went into the M. E. Cemetery and cut for Christmas trees two fine evergreens about ten feet high. Now they will be compelled to pay for their vandalism, which was doubtless an act of thoughtlessness, rather than with a view to despoil the beauty of the place.

A Baker's Dozen of Hobos.

Thirteen tramps found lodgings in the lockup, last night. Some of the men were fairly well dressed, intelligent, and had nothing of the appearance of the professional tramp or bum. There is something radically wrong in the affairs of our country when decent men who are willing to work cannot find employment.

New Cottage at the Loomis Sanitarium.

Plans have been prepared for a cottage at the Loomis Sanitarium, Liberty, 20x110 feet, two stories high, which will contain sixteen sleeping rooms all with a southern exposure. The cottage will be the largest on the sanitarium grounds.

HYMENEAL.

Kay-Walton.

Murray Kay, of Kingston, and Helen Wadsworth, oldest daughter of Mrs. K. S. Walton, of this city, were married in Grace Church at 4:15 o'clock, this afternoon, in the presence of a small company of relatives and intimate friends.

The ceremony was performed by Rector Evans. The bride was given away by her uncle, Cornelius Macardell. The bride was unattended. Walter Walton, brother of the bride, acted as best man. The bride was dressed in a most becoming gown of green crepon, trimmed with green velvet, sable fur and jeweled passementerie. She wore a green velvet hat to match her suit.

Mr. and Mrs. Kay will leave, this afternoon, on Erie train 2 for New York, and after a short wedding tour will take up their residence in Kingston.

Mr. Kay holds a good position as assistant civil engineer on the West Shore road. He was formerly in the engineer's office of the O. and W. in this city and has many friends and acquaintances here.

Mrs. Kay has been a resident of Middletown since the death of her father, Lieut. Walter Walton, which occurred fifteen years ago, and her many attractive and estimable qualities have endeared her to a very large circle of friends, who unite in the heartiest congratulations and best wishes.

Among those present at the wedding ceremony were Samuel Kay, father of the groom, Janet Kay, his sister, and Miss Nellie Chatterton, his aunt, all of New York city.

Dixon-Davenport.

Elwood Judson Dixon, a rising young business man, of this city, and Grace Bronson Davenport, were married at 4 o'clock, this afternoon, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Davenport, No. 11 Hoffman street.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Wilson, in the room in which the bride was born nineteen years ago, to-day. The ring given and taken in plighting the marriage vows was carried on a silver tray by the maid of honor, Miss Hartie Davenport. The bride was prettily attired in white India silk and chiffon, and she carried a bouquet of bridal roses. The maid of honor wore white Swiss over blue tarlatan.

Miss Lulu Davenport, another sister of the bride, played Mendelssohn's wedding march during the ceremony.

Reverend ministers followed congratulations and the couple repaired to their new home on Spring street, which has been fitted up in a very attractive manner.

The couple received a handsome collection of presents. The bride's gift to the groom was a pearl and ruby sapphire.

The groom is a Canadian who has lived in this city about a year. He is in the grocery business at Fulton street and Acadmy avenue.

A DAYLIGHT BURGLARY.

A Bold Thief Enters a Flat and Steals a Pocketbook

A bold thief entered the flat of Mrs. Ed. Sparks in the Watts building, on North street, between 2 and 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The family were in the front room and the thief, after ascending the front stairs, entered the rear hall and ransacked the sleeping rooms and kitchen. A pocketbook containing between fifteen and sixteen dollars, belonging to Mrs. Sparks, which she kept in the kitchen closet, was stolen.

A small sum of money belonging to James Wood, a boarder, was taken from his room.

A PARTITION SALE.

The Property of the Hoy Estate Sold This Afternoon.

J. C. R. Taylor, as referee, sold at partition sale at the Russell House, this afternoon, two pieces of property in this city belonging to the Hoy estate.

A house and number of lots on Lake avenue and Liberty street were sold to Chas. E. Gardner for \$2,650.

A house and lot on Grace street in the northern part of the city was knocked down to C. E. Sayer, of Westtown, for \$711.

Elizabeth Hoy was the plaintiff in the action and Lawrence Hoy and others defendants. M. J. Donovan was plaintiff's attorney.

Wages of Straw Hat Trimmers Reduced.

The trimmers employed at the straw hat factory were notified, yesterday, of a reduction in their wages, which averages about twenty per cent. Business is not very brisk at the factory, which is running on nine hours' time, and the girls, realizing that the conditions are not favorable for a strike, have submitted to the reduction with the best grace possible.

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INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN COSHEN.

The G. S. and A. A.'s Smoker—Dances To-night and Tomorrow Night—St. John's Church Fair—A Christmas Gift—Sunday School Christmas Festival—Entertained at Interpines—Making a Cart for "Gentry."

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—The first "smoker" of the G. S. and A. A. was given at the club rooms, last evening. Paul Purpe, of Middletown, was present and entertained the boys by a number of very skillful feats of juggling. "Pastor" Drake, the secretary, tendered his report, which was received with profound attention and was highly interesting for a variety of reasons. Next, "Judge" Sweezy, the club poet, read a poem which had been composed by him at the earnest solicitation of the committee for this occasion. The verses that Mr. Sweezy writes are not the kind usually contributed to the press by bards that would be. The "Judge" writes poetry. His poem last evening was very amusing and something of a revelation to many who did not know their fellow members as well as the author did. Harrison W. Nanny also made a few very happy remarks. An excellent lunch was served during the evening. A colored orchestra furnished three kinds of soul stirring music—good, bad and indifferent. A large quantity of tobacco was consumed. The occasion was a very happy one and a similar entertainment will probably be given within a month or two.

—The dance of the Young Ladies' Sodality, of St. John's Church, will begin at St. John's Hall, to-night. A good time is assured.

—Catacombs will dance again to-morrow night.

—St. John's fair will be open to-morrow night and will conclude Saturday night.

—Rev. R. B. Clark received as a Christmas gift from the Vocal Society a handsome mahogany chair.

—At the M. E. Church, last night, the Christmas tree festival was given, and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon the children of St. John's Church held a similar festival at St. John's Hall. Both of these events were pleasant and joyous occasions for the young folks.

—Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Seward entertained a number of friends at "Interpines," last night.

—Henry J. Miller, of Goshen, inventor and manufacturer of the famous Miller road carts, has received an order from the owner of "Gentry," the champion trotter, for a bike cart, to be used in speeding the great trotter.

WILLIAM N. CASE'S WILL PROBATED

Surrogate Howell Holds that Lack of Testamentary Capacity Was Not Proved.

Surrogate Howell filed, Monday, his decision admitting to probate the will of the late William N. Case, of Deepark. Mr. Case died April 29, 1896, aged ninety-two years. The will was made eight months before death. When it was offered for probate, Fred B. and Katie F. Case began a contest, alleging lack of testamentary capacity. Thirty-seven witnesses were examined and the testimony was very contradictory, but the Surrogate holds that the weight of it is clearly in favor of the testamentary capacity of the testator. There was no testimony to show undue influence.

An Erie Engineer Badly Hurt by a Fall

Erie engineer William J. Wilker, of Port Jervis, at Greycourt, Monday evening, slipped on some ice on his locomotive and fell to the ground striking on the lower part of his back and with such force as to fracture his pelvis. He was taken to his home and later removed to the Port Jervis hospital.

There are now three men in that hospital suffering from fractures of the pelvis.

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This is the last week of Holiday Goods. See our 5, 10, 15, 19 and 25c counters.

Silk Covered Down Sofa Pillows. Your choice for \$1.50 each.

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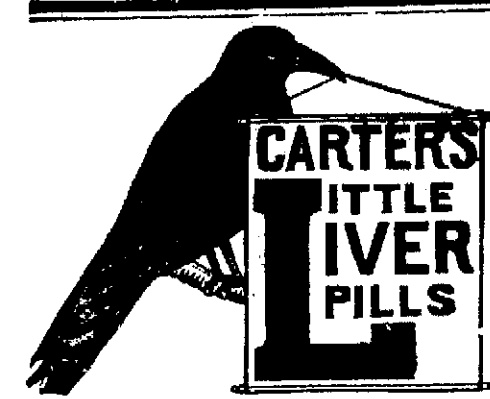
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Vanilla as a flavoring for ice creams and other delicacies, from once being considered a luxury, has now come to be so generally used that it is considered a necessity, and it would be very hard to find a substitute for it. Commercial extract of vanilla is obtained from the vanilla bean, which is a native of Mexico, and is probably the most valuable fruit grown, the best quality of Mexican beans often being worth nearly their weight in silver. While the vanilla is a native of Mexico, of recent years it has been transplanted to a number of different countries, and will grow in any locality where the temperature does not fall below 65 degrees. The best beans, however, still come from Mexico.

The vanilla plant is a climbing vine, with stem about as thick as an ordinary lead pencil, covered with dark-green, spear-shaped leaves.

The vines blossom profusely during March and April. The flower is yellow and has a very agreeable sweet smell.

By far the greater number of blossoms wither and fall off, and the ones producing beans are a very small percentage of the total number. The beans grow very rapidly for the first two months, and by the 1st of July have attained their full size, and from that time on grow but little, if any.

The beans, or pods, are from six to twelve inches long, and about half an inch in diameter, and when ripe are about the color of a banana, and have very much the same appearance, except that they are a little less in diameter and somewhat longer. Each vine yields about 100 beans, and some vines have a single branch that bear 12 or 15 pods.

From the 1st of July, when the bean is a dark-green color, it grows but little in size, turning gradually a yellow color, until the last of December or 1st

of January, when it is fully ripe and ready for gathering. The pods are filled with minute black seeds and a small quantity of pulp, and when prepared for market become reduced to about one-fourth their original thickness, are black in color, and emit a very sweet, agreeable perfume.

The curing of the beans is a slow, tedious process, and one requiring a great amount of care and attention. For the most part the growers do not cure their own beans, but sell them in miscellaneous lots to curers, who employ experts for that purpose. The total time consumed by the curing process is about five months. The beans as soon as gathered are spread out in the sun on black blankets, and allowed to remain until they are quite hot to the touch. They are then gathered up and placed in a sweating box, which is simply a wooden box large enough to hold all the beans. This box is well warmed in the sun, and its whole interior is then lined with blankets that have been out in the sun.

After the beans are in the box the ends of the blankets are folded over them and other warm blankets are placed over and around the box. The whole is then allowed to remain for 36 hours, by which time the ripest of the vanilla will begin to turn black, and the box will have lost most of its heat. The beans now have to be spread out in the sun again, after which they are again sweated, and this process continued four or five times, until the beans are the proper color.

As the ripe beans turn black the quickest, after each sweating the whole lot has to be gone over, and the ones which are black enough picked out and placed by themselves. Great care must be exercised in this process, as if they are very little oversweated, it is sufficient to reduce the weight about one pound per 1,000 beans, which would be a great loss, and, as the bean loses part of its color when overried, there is a further loss of about one dollar per pound on account of poor color.

As soon as the beans have been sufficiently sweated and are of the proper color they are spread out on drying racks, being carefully gone over from day to day, and any that show signs of moisture or mold are taken out and put in the sun until the mold disappears, when they are again placed on the racks. When of the proper dryness, which the operator from experience can judge very accurately by the feeling of the bean, they are taken from the racks and carefully assorted into bunches of 50, all the beans in one bunch being of the same length.

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DRYING VANILLA BEANS.

of January, when it is fully ripe and ready for gathering. The pods are filled with minute black seeds and a small quantity of pulp, and when prepared for market become reduced to about one-fourth their original thickness, are black in color, and emit a very sweet, agreeable perfume.

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HAPPY SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHOLARS

Christmas Festivals and Entertainments at Four Churches—Books and "Goodies" Distributed to Pupils—Presentation to Superintendent Pettit and Wife of the Baptist School—Congregational Children Amused by Sleight of Hand Tricks.

Prettier carols than those sung, and well sung, last night, in Grace Church, have never been heard at any Christmas festival in Middletown. The attendance was very large, the church having been crowded. The Rev. George C. Betts, of Goshen, was present and charmed the children with his colloquial version of the old story of Paudora's box, pointing many a moral therefrom in his own characteristic style. Rector Evans also illustrated the meaning of Christmas with another very touching story called "The Cup of Loving Service."

Valuable and excellent books were distributed to over 200 scholars by James E. Horton, Superintendent of the Sunday School, D. F. Seward and Fred W. Towner.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Christmas festival of the First Baptist Church Sunday School was held in the lecture room of the church, last night, and was very largely attended, the room being packed to its utmost capacity. The exercises were in charge of the Superintendent, Abram Pettit, and everything passed off smoothly and pleasantly. The following programme was well rendered:

Singing—Praise Him..... School
 Recitation—My Stocking..... Gertrude Vaughn
 Recitation—Christmas Bells..... Edith Hyatt
 Recitation—Carols Santa Claus..... Sadie Evans
 Recitation—Christmas Chimes..... Annie Boyles
 Song—Merry Christmas Eve..... Five Young Ladies
 Recitation—Love, Sweet Message..... Rena Wallace
 Recitation—Cue Santa Claus..... Verona Mason
 Recitation—Dollie's Christmas..... George Curran
 Song—Run Out the Glad Tidings..... Infant Class
 Speaking and Singing..... Willie Archie, Minnie
 Recitation—While the Angels Sing..... Genevieve Heath
 Song..... May and Alice Vanderhorst
 Recitation—Florence Conklin
 Address by Pastor Heath.....

After the exercises had been concluded the children were served with candies, cake and oranges, and the rest of the audience with cake.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The entertainment and supper given to members of the Sunday School of the Second Presbyterian Church, last evening, was largely attended and greatly enjoyed. The little ones were seated at tables and the older ones were served around the room. A Noah's ark filled with candy was presented to each one as they left the room. The entertainment was as follows:

Recitation—Dottie's Surprise..... Cora Redfield
 Song—Christmas Chimes..... Viola and Arthur
 Recitation—Christmas..... Penelope Rogers
 Reading..... Alvin Shiner
 Tio Whistle Solo..... Harold Ribben
 Recitation—A Glass of Cold Water..... Arthur Deol
 Recitation—Come Little People..... Alvin Meyer
 Song—Carol, Oh Carol..... Ola Hill, Mamie and Laura Ploughman
 Recitation—Sing a Song of Christmas..... Eugene Henneberry
 Medley..... Edna Rogers, Cora Redfield, Ethel Reed and Della Rogers

A SLEIGHT OF HAND ENTERTAINMENT.

The Sunday School of the First Congregational Church was given a Christmas supper, Monday evening, and last night the children were very pleasantly entertained with a sleight of hand performance by a Middletown young man whose skill at legerdemain was known only to a few intimate friends until last night.

Fred McWilliams, son of Edwin McWilliams, is the young man referred to and for an hour and a half he delighted the audience with his clever tricks. Some of those who witnessed the performance say that it was equal to that given by many of the traveling magicians.

Variety was given to the entertainment by Misses Marvin and Howland who sang two duets.

HOFFMAN LODGE, NO. 412, F. A. M.

Officers for the Coming Year Installed, Last Night.

The installation of officers of Hoffman Lodge, F. and A. M., was held last evening, the installing officer being the returning master of the lodge, H. C. Corwin. The list of officers is as follows:

W. M.—L. C. Case,
 S. W.—J. E. Barnes,
 J. W.—F. Seaman,
 Treasurer—L. M. Allen,
 Secretary—L. B. A. Taylor,
 S. D.—J. A. Wallace,
 J. D.—D. F. Lane,
 S. M.—Frank T. Smith,
 J. M. C.—Frank Bagley,
 S. S.—J. G. Goring,
 J. S.—John E. Adams,
 Organist—Charles H. Sweeney,
 Tyler—D. C. Roe,
 Trustee—S. M. Boyd,
 Chaplain—Rev. F. M. Wilson.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies, the members of the lodge were invited to the banquet hall, where a collation was served with the compliments of the master-elect, Ira L. Case.

A Costly City Hall.

Kingston built its city hall in 1875 at a cost of \$80,000, for which it issued bonds bearing seven per cent interest. In the twenty-one years which have since elapsed a total of \$157,100 has been paid in principal and interest, and the city still owes \$30,000 on its bill.

Brought Here For Burial.

The remains of Mrs. Minnie Mary Henderson, who died in Poughkeepsie, Sunday morning, arrived in this city on Erie train 2 to-day, and were taken to Hillside Cemetery and buried in the family plot.

Only the sufferer knows the misery of dyspepsia, but Hood's Sarsaparilla cures the most stubborn cases of this disease.

\$3,400.00 CASH AND PRIZES

As follows:—
 4 First Prizes, each of \$100 Cash - \$ 400.00
 20 Second " " " \$100 Bicycles - 2,000.00
 40 Third " " " \$25 Gold Watches - 1,000.00
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The bicycles are the celebrated "Pacer Special," 29 Pattern, made by Geo. F. Pacer & Co., of Buffalo, Boston and New York. Fitted with Hartford Kid Time Cycle Tires, New Departure Bell, Standard Cyclometer, and Hunt Lace Saddle.

KATE CLAXTON AS A FIERY HOODOO

Incidents of Her Visit to Middletown Sixteen Years Ago Recalled.

Kate Claxton, who will play in the "Two Orphans" at the Casino, to-morrow night, appeared in the same play at Bull's Opera House, Sept. 20th, 1878, and has not been here since. This was shortly after the great Brooklyn Theatre fire, which occurred while Miss Claxton was playing in the same piece there. Only a short time after the theatre fire she was in a big hotel fire in St. Louis, and was regarded by many as a hoodoo. H. S. Dusenberry sold the tickets for the performance at the Opera House, both at his store and in the box office, and remembers the event well on account of the fear expressed by so many people that fire would surely result from Miss Claxton's visit.

Although lots of people refused to attend the performance through their superstitious fear of Miss Claxton as a fiery hoodoo, Mr. Dusenberry says there were enough people who indulged in no such notions and were anxious to witness the performance and the house was packed, as the Casino will doubtless be to-morrow night.

TROUBLE OVER LIFE INSURANCE

The Policies on the Life of Martin Finnegan Not Yet Paid.

It is probable that the family of Martin Finnegan, who died in this city, Dec. 2d, will have trouble in collecting the insurance on his life. He held, we are told, policies in three industrial companies. The cause of death was consumption and the companies, it is said, allege that there was misrepresentation as to his physical condition and family history and as to other matters at the time the insurance was effected. At all events none of the insurance has been paid, though these claims are usually adjusted as soon as proof of death is received.

Mr. Finnegan left a widow and a large family of young children, and they have need of all the money due them and all who know them hope that an early and satisfactory settlement of the case may be effected.

An Extensive Land Owner.

Charles C. Cox, a farmer, living four miles from Newton, is probably the owner of more acres of productive land than any resident of Sussex county. His various farms will aggregate nearly 1,000 acres. He has recently purchased the Abram Massaker farm, six miles east of Newton, for \$35,500 per acre. The farm has good buildings and is well watered.

To Close at 6 O'clock.

The hardware stores, beginning Jan. 5th, will close at 6 o'clock every evening except Mondays and Saturdays, until March 20th.

RIDGEBURY.

"The Birth of Christ" to Be Repeated—The cantata entitled "The Birth of Christ," which was given in the M. E. Church, Christmas Eve, with such success, will be repeated by request, Saturday evening, Jan. 2d. Admission ten cents.

SLATE HILL.

Epworth League Social.

The Epworth League of Slate Hill will hold its pie social at A. R. Sargent's, Thursday evening, Dec. 31st, for the benefit of the M. E. Chapel. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Did you ever stop to think what indigestion really means? It means simply that your stomach is tired. If our legs are tired, we ride. The horse and the steam engine do the work. Why not give your stomach a ride, that is, let something else do its work. Foods can be digested outside the body. All plants contain digestive principles which will do this. The Shaker Digestive Cordial contains digestive principles and is a preparation designed to rest the stomach. The Shakers themselves have such unbounded confidence in it that they have placed 10 cent sample bottles on market, and it is said that even so small a quantity proves beneficial in a vast majority of cases. All druggists keep it.

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 Hurley, Mrs. Thos. S. H. Mrs. Clara
 Gentlemen.
 Baxter, Robt. (Carpenter) Martin, Charles
 Baird, C. E. Pauline, Walter L.
 Burns, Jas. (Photographer) Parker, Alonzo
 Brown, Willard H. Strong, S. E.
 DeWitt, Wm. D. Shaw, D. H.
 Davis, H. E. Woodin, Vessal V.
 C. L. ELWOOD, Postmaster.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

JAS. P. TIGHE, Commission Broker, Stern Building, 16 North Street, Middletown, N. Y.
 Stocks, Bonds, and Foreign Exchange bought and sold for cash or carried on margin.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30, '96.

Close	Close
Sugar.....	110 1/2
Tea.....	80 5/8
Chicago Gas.....	73 1/2
Nat. Lead.....	32 1/2
General Electric.....	32 1/2
U. S. L. pref.....	62 1/2
Am. T. & P.....	25 1/2
A. T. & P.....	14 1/2
C. & P.....	70 1/2
C. M. & St. P.....	73 1/2
R. I.....	68 1/2
D. L. & W.....	16 1/2
C. of N. J.....	100 1/2
Erie.....	119 1/2
D. and H.....	16 1/2
W. & W.....	15 1/2
Sasquehanna & Western.....	—
Sasquehanna & West., pref.....	—
P. & R.....	26 1/2
N. W.....	102 1/2
L. S.....	154 1/2
N. Y. C.....	204 1/2
M. P.....	—
Texas.....	9 1/2
U. P.....	8 1/2
W. Union.....	83 1/2
L. & N.....	48 1/2
Manhattan.....	88 1/2
P. M.....	21 1/2
Wabash, pref.....	16 1/2
No. Pacific.....	22 1/2
W. L.....	6 1/2
Southern Ry.....	26 1/2
Southern, pref.....	26 1/2
May Wheat.....	84 1/2
May Corn.....	20 1/2
May Oats.....	10 1/2
Jan. Lard.....	\$7.62 \$7.40
	3 7/8 3 9/8

DIED.

COLLINS. In this city, Dec. 29th, '96, Jane Collins, widow of the late John Collins, aged sixty-nine years.
 Funeral notice to-morrow.

K. NAPP & MERRITT, Undertakers and Embalmers, corner West Main and James Streets, Middletown. Telephone Nos. 10 and 22.

JOBH DONOVAN, Undertaker and Embalmer, 124 North Street. Fine coaches to let. Telephone 16. Lady assistant. Open day and night.

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All the Delicacies of the Season.

Roston Hot House Caramels, Boston Head Lettuce, White Onions, White Turnips, Splendid Cereals, Spanish Raisins, Winter Peas, Oyster Plant, Jordan Shell Almonds, Full Cream Cheese, Extra Sweetened and Star Cream Cheese, Lard and Pin Apple Cheese, Pine Apples, Choice Table Mushrooms, C. pers Worcester Shire Sauce, Sweet Onions, Potato Chips, Saratoga, best Imported Olives, etc.

CITY GROCERS.

Bull & Youngblood,

56 North St., Opp. Postoffice.

TELEPHONE CALL No. 55.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

The annual election for Directors of this bank will be held at the banking room of the bank, on Tuesday, January 13th, 1897, from 3 a. m. to 10 a. m.

SEYMOUR DEWITT, Cashier.

IN Pursuance of an order of the Surrogate of the county of Orange, in New York, do hereby give notice to all persons having claims against the estate of William Silebeck, late of the city of Middletown, in said county, deceased, that they are required to present the same, with the proper vouchers therefor, to the subscriber, the administrator of said estate, at the office of Geo. H. Becker, No. 18 East Main Street, in the city of Middletown, county of Orange, and State of New York, on or before the first day of July next.

At New York, on or before the first day of July next.

MARY C. SELLECK, Adm'r.

ONE CENT A WORD

for each insertion. No advertisement taken for less than 10 cents.

TURKEY Raffle to-night and to-morrow night in Eagle's Building. 28d St.

TURKEYS and Chickens just received from Sullivan county. Call early; supply limited; prices right. 27d St. GREENING'S.

MERRILL & BURKE, Attorneys and Counselors at Law, Wilcox Building, 67 North Street.

TURKEY Raffle, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, 14 Canal street. 27d St.

PAIR of Glasses found, which owner may have by leaving a description at this office. 11

CHAMBERS' Mandrate Liver Pills equal to Senné's or any other liver pills only 20 cents. Try them. Sold only at CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North Street.

EXTRACTING with \$50. 00, out under \$50. 00. No charge for extracting when artificial teeth are to be inserted. Best teeth \$5. 00 and \$10 a set. Twenty years' experience. 39d St. DR. ROBINSON, 44 and 46 James St.

CLAIRVOYANT—PROF. W. H. SAGENDORF has left town and will return to Middletown the 15th of January, 1897, and remain one week at Wm. S. Hor's, 37 James St. 1nd St. 1nd St.

CHAMBERS' White Pine Balsam is positively guaranteed to cure all kinds of colds, coughs, croup, whooping cough, and all other lung troubles. 25 cents. Made and sold by JOHN J. CHAMBERS, Druggist and Pharmacist, Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North Street.

PIPES, PIPES, PIPES. I will offer this week, at my store, pipes at a great reduction. Now is the time to buy. Don't fail to come in and examine my stock, as I have the largest assortment to select from in the city. Electric Cigar Store, No. 12 North Street, Middletown. 42d St. 37d St.

HARDING'S Handy Hanger, price 12 cents. Keeps coat and suit in good shape, all at the same time. A fine Christmas gift. G. F. HARDING, Mfr., Wurtsboro, N. Y.

BOY Wanted to learn the Printer's Trade. Enquire at the office.

MAGIC TOOTGACHE DROPS, guaranteed to cure only 10c. Made and sold at CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North Street.

YOU cannot walk on the points of nails with comfort under any circumstances. To have your feet "SOLED" with the shoemaking process is summer madness. CRAIG, the shoemaker's new method of soles with rubber. 22 WEST MAIN STREET.

DR. C. THIMME, Dentist over J. B. Swaim's grocery store, No. 12 East Main Street, 4d St.

M. C. FREER has opened a painting and paper hanging business at 88 Water Avenue. All work guaranteed to be satisfactory. Prices very reasonable. 54d St. 54d St.

PAPER Hanging at 12c a roll; also all kinds of painting. Estimates on all work cheerfully furnished. EMIL MARTINI. Shop 5 Academy Ave.

GOOD Barn for rent. W. C. DOYLE. 21 Beaton Avenue.

PAINTING, Paper Hanging, Decorating. CHAS. J. KIDD, JR., 20 Academy Avenue. Is prepared to do work in the above lines, in the best style and at reasonable rates. An experience of several years in New York City enables him to guarantee first class work. 7d St.

HEADQUARTERS for Weather Strips at No. 1 Railroad Avenue. Put them on now and keep warm. CHAS. Z. TAYLOR.

FARM FOR SALE—Eighty acres of choice land, ten miles east of Middletown, with good seven-room house and outbuildings, two good wells, a young orchard. Parties want to go west. For further information enquire of 56d St. J. W. W. PLESTON, Clarkson, Iowa.

BREAD Winner Cook Store, size 8, first-class condition, and good baker. Skates and Fur Cape cheap at the EXCHANGE and MAINT CO., No. 46 East Main Street.

WANTED—Agents—\$20 a week sure to work. New goods. New plans. It is a winner. Every family needs it. Sell at night. CINCINNATI SPECIALTY CO., 43 E. 4th St., Cincinnati, Ohio. 4d St.

Household Goods, Wearing Apparel and Other Articles Too Numerous to Mention at Auction.

On Tuesday, January 5th, 1897, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at No. 20 Beaton Avenue, I will sell at public auction, all the furniture, wearing apparel and other effects of the late Hiram Selick, deceased.

The articles to be sold are good and in good order and some of them highly new.

MARY C. SELLECK, Administratrix. CHARLES W. FULKESEN, Auctioneer. 39d St.

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